

Minutes
Woodstock Agriculture Commission
Monday, February 10, 2014 - 1:00 PM - Woodstock Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, L. Weaver, S. Morse, D. Young. Alternates: L. Auger, P. Miller. Others: D. Adiletta.

- I. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by L. Weaver at 1:04 p.m.
- II. Minutes of the January meeting:** L. Weaver moved to accept the minutes. R. Norman seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- III. Public Participation** – Dawn Adiletta representing Open Space Land Acquisition and Farmland Preservation Committee (OSLAFP)
- IV. Old Business:**
 - a. **WINY Farmer Talks** – S. Morse reported that the February 18th talk would be on maple syrup with Richard Norman and possible guest to speak. The topic of honey bees is slated for March.
 - b. **490 & Resources for Landowners** – S. Morse reported that he attended the sub-committee meeting of the P&Z. He stated that he was in the process of formulating an outline to present to members for possible use to educate the public. D. Adiletta explained the role of (OSLAFP) in the PDR process. When a landowner approaches the OSLAFP regarding protecting their land, they help the landowner with the forms, help determine if they meet the criteria of the program, etc. If approved by the state conducts an appraisal of the land, and the OSLAFP submits the project to the BOF for financial approval, then submits to P&Z for their information and finally to the BOS so they may bring it to the townspeople for a vote. Although the WAGC would have no official role in the process, D. Adiletta feels it would be beneficial for the Commission to be added the distribution list so that we may be apprised of the project and vote to support it. The vote would be in in spirit only; nothing official. She stated that she didn't know if the ordinance needed to be changed for it to be official, but that it can be a practice of OSLAFP. D. Young moved to request that the WAGC be added to the process. L. Weaver seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. New Business**
 - a. D. Young stated he was planning on attending the meeting in Ashford with Bryan Hurlburt.
 - b. CT 2014 Legislative issues – P. Miller said the only agricultural related issue he was aware of was the wood furnaces.
 - c. AG Day in the Capitol on March 19 – R. Norman, L. Weaver and P. Miller attending.
- VI. Announcements**
 - a. R. Seybolt announced that there is a new business in town called Simple Kitchen which is going to be offering a CSA.

The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 2:16pm. Seconded by R. Norman. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.